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On November 3, 2004, the Board of Supervisors authorized the creation of the Education Coordinating Council (ECC) to improve educational outcomes for youth in the foster care and juvenile justice systems. The Chief Administrative Office and County Departments identified sources of County funding to provide initial support to the ECC. The ECC convened its first official meeting in January 2005.

The ECC has made a significant impact in its first six months. Among its many accomplishments, the ECC:

- Prepared a comprehensive literature review of research on the educational experiences of dependent and delinquent youth;
- Facilitated a preliminary data match between the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) and the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) that collected descriptive statistics and initial academic achievement data on foster youth; and are working with the five other school districts who are stakeholders in the ECC to gather similar data; and

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- Obtained a fee waiver from the Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP) for foster parents, parents whose children are under the auspices of DCFS and teen parents in the foster care or juvenile justice systems.

ECC needs bridge funding to support its work until grants from foundations and other private funders can be secured.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Administrative Officer to allocate \$150,000 in one-time funds to the Education Coordinating Council to continue its work on behalf of foster and probation youth.

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